

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
DENVER – MEETING HELD AT THE CHURCH SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Present at the outset were Richard DeTar, Judie James, Shelley Brown, Beckett Stokes, Rich Rinehart, Elizabeth Randall, Jim Anthony, Janice Burley, Liz Evans, Tim Krueger (choir director), Lynn Hardcastle, Steve Grupe, and non-Vestry members Susan Trickett and Andy Robinson co-chairs of the Sacred Vision/Sacred Path capital campaign.

The meeting began at 6:32 p.m. The absence of Eric Frame was excused.

George Magnuson, Brian Hyde, and Peter Thulson arrived during the opening meditation circa 6:36-8.

Rich went through the agenda. Some samples were given of keywords for the vision statement. We paired up to go over these. The vision statement will show up in a lot of places. We voted on some possibilities. There was quite a lot of discussion of our choices. We did not make a final decision. Work will continue on the statement until the Vestry retreat. The sacramental aspect of St. Andrew's needs to be mentioned in the statement. Who will do the wording of this? Steve, Brian, Janice, and Liz agreed to. Steve will convene this group. There was clarification of the distinction between "vision" and "mission" statements. What, exactly does "Anglo-Catholic" mean anyway, and to whom? Rich noted the retreat should make what we're doing more practical and pragmatic.

Sacred Vision/Sacred Path: Elizabeth stated decisions were needed on the scope of the campaign, what would we do beyond debt reduction? We have before us basically three choices. 1. Limit the campaign to reducing our indebtedness only. 2. Go for debt reduction plus a secondary goal, an incentive of the designated fund. First get the money for reducing the debt, then an additional 10% of that sum for use or uses other than debt reduction. 3. Make the two goals intertwined, rather than debt reduction first and the other later, so getting the additional 10% as part of the campaign is more nearly assured. Andy suggested the following nomenclature for the above: A for the first, A plus B for the second, and a tithe for the third. Discussion began of the three options. We went around the room so each person could comment on the three choices. Elizabeth: Do we have clarity for what goes in the leaflet? Does it capture the imagination? Does it give enough detail? Does it cover various eventualities?

Discussion: Do we want to explain more about how the use of the money will be decided? It should not be too amorphous for those who want more detail. Maybe it will be enough to give details regarding the process, not the decisions. The sample given is only part of the brochure. History is given for newer people. Debt reduction is completing Sacred Vision/Sacred Space and freeing ourselves from debt. Can this designated fund be borrowed from? Is the link clear between the Parish visioning process and the written explanation of campaign goals? Do we want to define the process now for using the fund? Are the terms and the names okay?

Judie made a motion which, after some discussion, she then withdrew. Janice had seconded it.

Beckett proposed a motion that Sacred Vision/Sacred Path include debt reduction plus “the purposes stated by the committee.” Brian seconded this. It was unanimously approved. This motion was essentially the third alternative given above, called “tithing.”

Brian moved that SV/SP funds include tithing for purposes beyond debt reduction. Steve seconded. Judie: What will we do if we can’t make the debt payments, or a payment? There was discussion of the meaning of “tithe” in this context and of the motion.

Brian added to his motion the last paragraph from page 1 (Which see.) “campaign goals” to be decided by a committee composed of some Vestry members and some people not Vestry members. This committee will bring to the Vestry a proposed decision-making process regarding these funds. This was approved unanimously.

Andy presented the SV/SP update (Which see.). There will be home meetings regarding the campaign. There will be an electronic version of the financials and of “Who is my neighbor?” Q and A will be sent out. The campaign will run for 24 months.

Shelley passed out the Ministry Collaboration Team Report from that team’s retreat. They meet bimonthly. They did not hear from four particular ministries. New programs were mentioned: lectionary study, “Paul Was Not a Christian,” and a four-part Episcopal 101.

George reported on some other ministries.

Judie, Junior Warden, recommended Applied Elevator for the maintenance contract on the elevator. She explained what is involved in this and why she recommends that company. Liz moved to accept the recommendation. Peter seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Elizabeth expressed her gratitude for tonight’s discussion. She described it as “thoughtful” and a good example of church leadership.

We adjourned, I believe right around 9:30 p.m. or thereabouts.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard DeTar, Clerk